

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE:** Angel dePara, Chair; Bob Curwen, Lydia Martinez,  
Michelle Lyons, Evette Brantley (6:50 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Max Perez, Valerie Sorrentino, Angie Saltero

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman dePara called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**Approval of Committee Minutes of March 16, 2010.**

**Approval of Committee Minutes of March 18, 2010 (Public Hearing).**

**Approval of Committee Minutes of March 23, 2010 (Public Hearing).**

**Approval of Committee Minutes of March 24, 2010 (Special Meeting).**

**Approval of Committee Minutes of March 29, 2010 (Public Hearing).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING  
COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2010.**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2010 (PUBLIC HEARING).**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2010 (PUBLIC HEARING).**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2010 (SPECIAL MEETING)**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2010 (PUBLIC HEARING).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**52-09 Grant Submission re: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and  
The Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH) for 2009-2010  
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Contract**

Ms. Sorrentino explained that this was a pass through grant and the funding pays for portions of two salaries. The staff checks lead levels in homes and day care centers. She also gave a quick overview of the case management portion and why it had been changed.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 52-09 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF HEALTH (CADH) FOR 2009-2010 CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND CONTROL CONTRACT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman dePara requested that this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Chairman dePara informed the Committee that Agenda Item 55-09 had inadvertently been omitted from the agenda.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADD AGENDA ITEM 55-09 – GRANT SUBMISSION RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2009-2010 PER CAPITA GRANT TO AGENDA.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**55-09 – Grant submission re: State of Connecticut Department of Health for 2009-2010 per capita grant**

Ms. Sorrentino said that this was an Annual Per capita Grant. The funding pays for salaries and fringes at the Health Department for several staff members. The amount of the funding is based on population.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 55-09 – GRANT SUBMISSION RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2009-2010 PER CAPITA GRANT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman dePara requested that this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**48-09(A) East Side Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Plan.**

Ms. Saltero came forward and presented copies of the East Side Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Plan to the Committee members. This plan has to be presented to Ordinance Committee and a public hearing must be held. Ms. Saltero requested that the public hearing be held jointly. Council Member Lyons asked for some clarification on the plan. Ms. Saltero said that the State would be reviewing the plan and that it was very similar to the ones presented previously.. The NRZ projects have been successful.

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Council Member Martinez said that she wanted to thank Ms. Saltero for her work with the NRZs.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 48-09(A) EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE PLAN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman dePara requested that this be put on the Consent Calendar.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED RECOMMEND A PUBLIC HEARING IN FRONT OF THE COUNCIL FOR AGENDA ITEM 48-09(A) EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE PLAN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**44-09                    Disposition of City Owned Properties by Auction.**

Mr. Perez explained that there was a typo on the list of properties. "308 Albion Street" should read "'94 Albion Street".

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO AMEND THE LIST FROM :**

**115 DODD AVENUE  
90 GILMORE STREET  
216 CLOVERHILL STREET  
329 HOLLISTER AVENUE  
33 LEE AVENUE  
311 PITT STREET  
129 WASHINGTON TERRACE  
415 CARROLL STREET  
267 JAMES STREET  
145 ANDOVER STREET  
308 ALBION STREET  
202 HEWITT STREET**

**TO:**

**115 DODD AVENUE  
90 GILMORE STREET  
216 CLOVERHILL STREET  
329 HOLLISTER AVENUE  
33 LEE AVENUE**

**311 PITT STREET  
129 WASHINGTON TERRACE  
415 CARROLL STREET  
267 JAMES STREET  
145 ANDOVER STREET  
94 ALBION STREET  
202 HEWITT STREET**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council Member Lyons asked Mr. Perez why the individual parcels were being sold. Mr. Perez reviewed the process. Council Member Curwen asked why an appraisal had not been provided for each parcel. He said that he could not approve an action on an item that had not been appraised. Mr. Perez said that he had the foreclosure appraisal. Council Member dePara asked if the items were time-sensitive. Mr. Perez said that they were not. He added that there were assessments values were included. Mr. Perez said that Atty. Liskov has the appraisal values in his files. Council Member dePara suggested having this item tabled until the appraised values were available.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 44-09 DISPOSITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES BY AUCTION.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council Member Lyons stated that she would like to have all the properties appraised before they come to Committee.

**47-09 Disposition of City Owned Properties (five parcels) to Habitat for Humanity.**

**204 Wells Street (burned out)  
307 Pembroke Street (burned out)  
595 Hallett Street (parcel)  
683 Kossuth Street (burned out)  
156 Beach Street (vacant lot)**

Mr. Perez said that the OPED was requesting permission for a public hearing with the intent to sell the five parcels to Habitat for Humanity. Each lot will be sold to Habitat for \$1.00. Last year, with the houses that Habitat rehabilitated, the City received \$400,000 in taxes. Council Member Curwen said that the owners had walked away from the property at 204 Wells Street. He asked what would prevent Habitat from selling the property back to the original owner. Mr. Perez said that Habitat screens their potential clients careful. This includes a full credit check, and the abandonment of the house would appear on that.

**204 Wells Street (burned out)**  
**307 Pembroke Street (burned out)**

Mr. Perez reviewed the Neighborhood Stabilization Program details, which provides stimulus money to demolish blighted homes. This would end up costing the City nothing and allow the parcel to be turned over to Habitat.

*Council Member Brantley joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.*

**595 Hallett Street (parcel)**

Mr. Perez said that this was a small, 37' x 89' lot and the house was previously demolished.

**683 Kossuth Street (burned out)**

There was a brief discussion about the fact that the previous building had ten bedrooms, but that the new building would only have one family.

**156 Beach Street (vacant lot)**

Council Member Lyons asked what the City would net in taxes. Mr. Perez said that this was removing five vacant, abandoned, blighted buildings and the City would end up with five new single-family homes.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 47-09 DISPOSITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES (FIVE PARCELS) TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO SCHEDULE A Public hearing REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 47-09 DISPOSITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES (FIVE PARCELS) TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
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